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Date: 12/18/2013 10:42:29 AM
Subject: Re: West Lake Landfill

Be sure to prep me to ask good qstns about contractor and prp responsibilities for workplace safety on both job sites. I don't need to become osha expert but do need to kno enuf to convey concerns I heard w/o sounding like a speaking tube for one set of workers. I am aware Republic has ongoing disputes w unions and don't want to get EPA enmeshed.

Do oscs have any issues w PRP contractor safety practices @ W/L?

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From: Tapia, Cecilia
Sent: Wednesday, December 18, 2013 10:35:06 AM
To: Brooks, Karl
Cc: Hammerschmidt, Ron
Subject: RE: West Lake Landfill

Karl, as requested, I spoke with Audrey yesterday and she is setting up a call with you and Republic to discuss the questions posed to you at the CAG.

From: Brooks, Karl
Sent: Wednesday, December 18, 2013 9:48 AM
To: Tapia, Cecilia
Subject: Fw: West Lake Landfill

Fyi.

From: Steve Muehling <steve.muehling@ibewlocal1.org>
Sent: Wednesday, December 18, 2013 8:00:35 AM
To: Brooks, Karl

Subject: RE: West Lake Landfill

Good morning Karl,

Thank you for checking up on this, and YES I do believe you were not only listening to my questions but also took the time to hear what my concerns are and I thank you for that.

Happy Holidays,

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From: Brooks, Karl [<mailto:brooks.karl@epa.gov>]

Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2013 5:32 PM

To: Steve Muehling

Cc: Frank Jacobs; Rob Dussold; Tapia, Cecilia

Subject: RE: West Lake Landfill

Hi Steve,

Thanks for your note, and for taking time to outline last night some of your members' concerns about working conditions at the Bridgeton Landfill and West Lake Landfill. I've asked Region 7 Superfund Director Cecilia Tapia to get back to you to gather some more information. This agency needs to make sure that contractors doing work for parties that are under EPA oversight are following the necessary safety rules for workplaces like West Lake. And since we have the complicating situation here of another governmental agency, the Missouri Dept of Natural Resources, overseeing the same parties who have hired different contractors at Bridgeton, there's sure a need for coordination and information sharing.

I'll check back with Cecilia later this week to see how the conversations with you are going.

Thanks for participating in the CAG, and I thought your questions were important and hope I listened as carefully as needed.

Cheers,

Karl Brooks

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From: Steve Muehling [<mailto:steve.muehling@ibewlocal1.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2013 3:48 PM
To: Brooks, Karl
Cc: Frank Jacobs; Rob Dussold
Subject: West Lake Landfill

Karl,

I wanted to send you a note thanking you for taking the time to talk to me about the West lake Landfill project last night after the Town hall meeting. I hope I wasn't being too forward with some of the questions I was asking but as I said last night, my purpose for being there was to try and get some concrete answers for our members working on this project. There are two (2) incidents that have occurred on site that I am trying to get answers for.

1). An individual was sprayed with Leachate which caused the individual to break out in a rash, windows on vans were also sprayed with Leachate causing the windshields to be etched along with the clear coat on the paint being damaged. Questions were directed towards management on the jobsite with no definite answers as to what is the makeup of the Leachate.

2). With the new discovery of radiation outside of the existing hot zones (areas 1 & 2) does anyone really know if or where there might be more radiation outside of areas 1 & 2. With the new radiation being found, does this present ANY type of danger to the individuals working on site. Again, questions were directed towards management with no definite answers.

Again, I want to thank you for the time you spent with me trying to answer my questions, and please understand, my questions are based on getting the best possible answers and solutions to our members. If you have access to these answers would you please give me a call so I can pass this information along.

Thanks for your time,

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